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Democrat candidates encourage early voting

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The North Dakota Democratic-NPL is hosting the ‘Get Out The Vote’ Rally at the Fargo Theater from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Oct. 24 to encourage voters to vote early.

Governor candidate, Sen. Ryan Taylor, along with U.S. Senate candidate, Heidi Heitkamp, and U.S. House candidate, Pam Guleson, will speak to attendees and fire voters up about their campaign.

Two bands will be headlining the event as well. Les Dirty Frenchmen and What Kingswood Needs will play sets between the candidate’s speeches to keep the energy going.

The Get Out The Vote Rally will be held throughout the state to encourage early voting. Fargo is just one stop on the trail building up to Election Day on Nov. 6.

“Voting is a way we can level the playing field,” said Rania Batrice, the Democratic-NPL communications director.

“Whether it’s by absentee ballot or by your early voting location, go vote.”

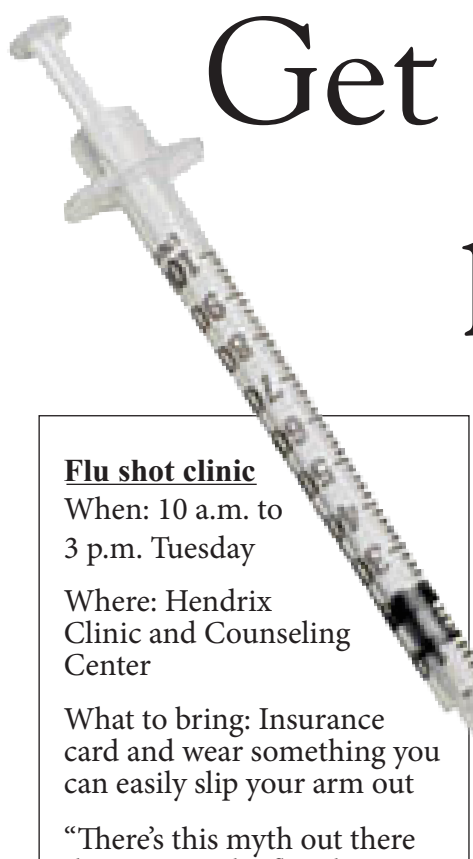
Joshua Boschee, the assistant director of leadership and organizations at MSUM, is running for the N.D. House of Representatives in District 44 and will be attending the rally and supporting the initiative of early voting.

North Dakota residents have the option to vote early, which Boschee said has been very appealing to people.

“It’s something they can do on their own time, especially if they are not flexible on Tuesdays,” Boschee said. “It allows them to vote on their schedule.”

Other statewide and local candidates will be in attendance to help kick the last weeks of the campaigns into gear.

“There has been a lot of energy in all of the campaigns,” Boschee said. “This is an opportunity for all the workers and volunteers to get together and get excited with each other and close out the last week and a half of the campaign together.”



Flu shot clinic

When: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday

Where: Hendrix Clinic and Counseling Center

What to bring: Insurance card and wear something you can easily slip your arm out

“There’s this myth out there that you get the flu when you get the flu shot, but no, that’s not true at all,” said Carol Grimm, director of Hendrix.

Get the flu shot, protect the herd

BY JASMINE MAKI
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Forty-three percent of Americans received the flu shot last year, according to Dr. Thomas Frieden director of Centers of Disease Control and Prevention.

But with a low number of flu cases in the area last season, Hendrix Clinic and Counseling Center employees said they hope students haven’t become complacent.

They will hold a flu shot clinic from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. today at Hendrix to make it convenient for students to get the vaccine.

“Under the affordable care act, insurance is paying for it,” said Carol Grimm, director of Hendrix. “We’re just telling students to come on in, bring your health insurance card and we’ll just bill your insurance company.”

Students will no longer need cash to get the shot.

Grimm said she is hoping to have at least 100 students come to the clinic.

Protect the herd

Grimm advises everyone to get the vaccine.

“It’s about protecting the herd and protecting everybody,” she said.

The flu, which spreads by coughing, sneezing and/or nasal secretions, can quickly infect others, especially young children and people 65 years or older.

“With real influenza, you’re out for seven to 10 days,” Grimm said, which can really affect class attendance and homework.

By getting the flu vaccine, students can protect themselves and anyone they come in contact with.

Anyone with asthma or other underlying conditions that compromise their immune system are at a higher risk and should get the vaccine as soon as possible, said Suzanne Stroup, registered nurse at Hendrix.

Becoming infected with the flu can intensify or compound asthma and other conditions, she said.

But the flu shot isn’t for everyone.

“Flu vaccines are grown in eggs, so if you have an egg allergy or can’t eat eggs you should probably rethink about getting a flu shot,” Grimm said.

Anyone who has had a severe reaction to the flu shot or had Guillain-Barre Syndrome should also talk to their doctor before getting the vaccine.

HoDo prepares for ‘Bras on Broadway’

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Students decorated bras at the decorating party Oct. 10 in the CMU Ballroom. The bras will be hung on Hotel Donaldson Thursday.

The Hotel Donaldson in Fargo is bearing an unusual look once again.

The outside of the Hodo is covered in women’s bras in honor of their seventh annual ‘Bras On Broadway’ event this Thursday.

The event is put together every year to raise awareness about breast cancer and help local cancer patients.

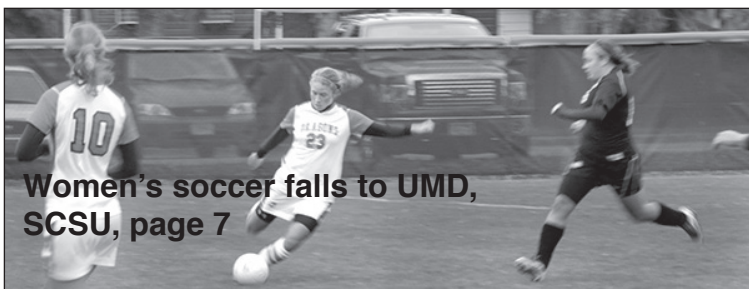
General manager Alison Ottusen has been a part of putting Bras on Broadway together all seven years and says the most rewarding part about it is giving back to the community.

“We chose breast cancer because it’s a disease that if you catch it early, it can be cured,” she said. “It’s more about prevention. The whole event is put together to raise awareness.”

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10.24	4:30 p.m. - CDC Exploration Session: What job can I get with my major? Flora Frick 151 7 p.m. - Dragon Men’s Basketball vs. NDSCS 9:30 p.m. - Late Night Kise Jam
10.25	4:30 p.m. - CDC Exploration Session: What job can I get with my major? Flora Frick 151 7 p.m. - Matt Mogk-Zombie Research, \$5 CMU Ballroom 7 p.m. - Girls Night, Dahl Hall lounge
10.26	7 p.m. - Dragon Volleyball vs. University of Minnesota-Duluth
10.27	1 p.m. - Dragon Football vs. Minot State Univeristy 9 p.m. - 1 a.m. - Dragons After Dark, CMU



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“I’ve been saying stupid shit all night and you haven’t heard any of it!”

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World News

Obama, Romney tied 47-47
This is the 47 percent the Romney camp would prefer you focus on. In a new poll conducted after the second presidential debate, President Barack Obama and Gov. Mitt Romney are locked in a dead-even sprint toward Election Day. The nominees are tied at 47 percent each among likely voters in the Wall Street Journal/NBC News poll. Obama leads 49 percent to 44 percent among registered voters. The margin of error in the poll for registered voters is plus or minus 3.1 percentage points. For likely voters, it is 3.43 percentage points.

Pope names 7 new saints
Two new American saints, including the first Native American from the United States to be canonized, were named by the pope Sunday. Kateri Tekakwitha and Mother Marianne Cope, along with five others, were entered into the Roman Catholic Church’s roll of saints—all of them from areas of the world where enthusiasm for the faith is on the decline. Prayers were read in Mohawk in celebrations Sunday, and Native Americans in traditional dress played drums and sang songs during a dawn gathering in St. Peter’s Square.

Gunfire rocks Beirut
Gunfire erupted in Beirut on Sunday as men armed with rifles and rocket-propelled grenade launchers began shooting at each other in the city’s southern districts. No casualties have been reported yet, according to Reuters. The skirmish comes after hundreds of protesters tried to force their way into government buildings in Beirut earlier in the day. Soldiers firing machine guns into the air broke up the protests, which were prompted by a funeral for a top security chief who died in a bombing blamed on Syria. The protesters broke through the outer security barrier around buildings used by the Lebanese government and were met by police who fired tear gas into the crowd, according to witnesses who spoke to Reuters.

Sen. George McGovern dies, 90
Sen. George McGovern, the Democratic nominee for president in 1972, died Sunday morning at age 90, according to a family spokesman. The senator from South Dakota died in a Sioux Falls hospice at 5:15 a.m. McGovern served three terms in the U.S. Senate and ran for president three times, in 1968 and 1984 as well as in 1972. He lost to Nixon in what is recognized as one of the largest electoral landslides ever.

Report: Castro makes appearance
Despite rumors of his declining health, Fidel Castro reportedly made a rare public appearance Saturday in Cuba. An official at the Hotel Nacional in Havana says that the 86-year-old Castro was seen there yesterday. The dictator arrived Saturday afternoon to drop off a “distinguished Venezuelan guest” and then remained at the hotel, chatting with the hotel workers. Recent reports have suggested that Castro is very ill and possibly dying.

World news from dailybeast.com



MSUM Briefs

“Phantom of the Opera” free screening
The Film Loop club is holding a free screening of the silent film classic "The Phantom of the Opera" starring Lon Chaney at 7:30 p.m. Friday in Glasrud Auditorium in Weld Hall. The film will have live organ accompaniment. Everyone and anyone is welcome to attend.

Registration is around the corner
Registration for spring semester begins Oct. 29. To find out when you can register log into E-services, click on Courses & Registration, then Registration Window, it will tell you what day your window opens for registration.
Make an appointment with your adviser to discuss your courses and get your required adviser access code prior to your registration window opening. Your adviser is listed in E-services. Plan ahead as your adviser’s schedule may get booked up. For other questions regarding registration feel free to contact the Academic Support Center at 218.477.4318.

Library children’s book sale
On Tuesday and Wednesday the Library will be selling children’s picture books appropriate for preschoolers through sixth graders. All books were published in 2011 and are in excellent condition. The sale will be held in the Library Circulation lobby from noon to 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, and noon to 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday. Books are \$6 each or two for \$10.
Proceeds from the sale will help support the Library’s Comstock Reading Aloud Initiative. For further information, contact Korella Selzler selzler@mnstate.edu.

Media and reproductive justice topic of presentation
Andrea Quijada, executive director of the Media Literacy Project, will speak in the Comstock Memorial Union at from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. at MSUM on Friday. Her presentation is titled “Girl Tech: Intersections of Media and Reproductive Justice.”
The Media Literacy Project, based in Albuquerque, N.M., focuses on creating affordable media access for all community members. It challenges values that center on heterosexual families, limit social debate and marginalize families, communities and women of color.

Quidaja’s presentation will describe Girl Tech, a yearlong program designed for young women of color to share their own experiences and perspectives on reproductive justice through storytelling and video production. The presentation will show how media can be used to shift culture, support campaigns, foster collaborations and build social justice movements.
This event is part of the 12th annual Red River Women’s Studies Conference. It is free and open to the public. For more information about Quijada’s presentation, contact Sherry Lee Short at shortsh@mnstate.edu or 218.477.4070.

Security Update

Director of Public Safety

Greg Lemke

10.9	10.13
Fire Alarm in John Neumaier, false caused by burnt food.	Noise complaint in Grantham, one warned.
Burglary in West Snarr , Moorhead Police Department contacted, one referred to Campus Judicial.	Disorderly Conduct in Nelson, two referred to Campus Judicial.
Suspicious odors on fourth floor Nelson, unable to locate source.	10.15
10.10	Message Notification in West Snarr, unable to locate.
Suspicious Activity in Parking Lot G-6.	10.16
Noise complaint in Grantham, one warned.	Arson/Criminal Damage to Property reported northwest of the CMU. Moorhead Police Department contacted, one suspect apprehended.
Noise complaint in Grantham, unfounded.	Suspicious Activity in Comstock Memorial Union, contact made.
10.11	Vandalism to bathroom in Ballard, referred to Maintenance.
Noise complaint in Grantham, one referred to Campus Judicial.	10.17
10.12	Property damage reported to window on south side of Livingston Lord Library.
Marijuana odor complaint in East Snarr, unfounded.	Simple Assault reported at the Wellness Center.
Alcohol violation in Nelson, one cited by Moorhead Police Department for Minor Consuming	10.18
Suspicious person in Library lounge, non-student escorted off campus.	Smoking violation on north side of West Snarr, one referred to Campus Judicial.
Medical in Dahl, one transported to local hospital.	Elevator emergency in Nelson, maintenance contacted, two students released upon repairing the elevator.

Safety Tip of the Week

Cooking Safety

Do not leave food unattended on the stove or in the oven. Cooking equipment is the cause of about three quarters of all fires.

To report a problem contact Public Safety at 218.477.2449

MSUM holds 31st Annual L.B. Hartz Professional Achievement Award Banquet
Monday, Oct. 22 is the 31st Annual L.B. Hartz Professional Achievement Award Banquet.
The banquet will be held at 6 p.m. in the CMU ballroom. Tammy Miller, CEO of Border States Electric and MSUM alum, is the 2012 award recipient.
Miller has a B.S. in accounting and a M.B.A. from MSUM. She has received two distinguished alumni awards and led MSUM’s Major Gifts Initiative to fund scholarships and the new Wellness Center on campus. Faculty and students of the College of Business and Industry will present this award.
The 2012 student L.B. Hartz Academic Achievement Award recipients are Nancy Iverson and Nathan Hollatz. The scholarships are given to reward academic accomplishments, service to the University and community and work experience and are administered through the L.B. Hartz Academic Achievement Scholarship Committee of the School of Business.
Iverson is pursuing a degree in finance with a minor in accounting. She will graduate May 2013 and is the daughter of Gale and Becky Iverson, Parkers Prairie, Minn.
Hollatz is pursuing a major in business administration with a minor in communication studies. He will graduate May 2013 and is the son of Kevin and Angela Hollatz, Bismarck, N.D.

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A & E

‘Nerds’ unite at Fargo-Moorhead’s ValleyCon 38

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Trekkies, steampunks and gamers galore, Fargo-Moorhead’s ValleyCon 38 was a “nerd” paradise.

The F-M Con, that expands each year, is for people of all ages who are interested in popular culture of sci-fi, fantasy, comic book, gaming, horror and all sorts of other genres.

The event has been getting bigger and better and continues to get big name guest speakers like Nicole de Boer from “Star Trek: Deep Space Nine.” Forty-six time bestselling author Kevin J. Anderson and Dean Haglund from the “X-files” and many more well-known speakers.

The Con also held a “Fargo Fantastic Film Festival” with over 70 films featuring local

filmmakers and international traveling filmmakers. Some of the other popular sessions were screenwriting workshops, a burlesque fantastic femmes fashion show, costume contests and Starship smackdown.

At night, the events got a little “naughty” with the 18 plus session Warriors and Wenches, where a \$2

donation was taken to fundraise for breast and prostate cancer. The event is a type of costume/acting contest where judges critique on presentation and the elusive “X” factor.

“It’s awesome. It’s a perfect nerd fair,” said Rob Sanford, co-owner of Section

Nine cyber cafe. “My best experience was my first year attending, I got to play ‘God of War 3’ while a random guy dressed up as a Celt came up and talked to me... I basically got a whole history lesson while I just dungeon-crawled and hacked and slashed all these mythical creatures, so it was educational and really fun.”

Section Nine cyber cafe hosted a gamer room, which was filled with computers and game systems for anyone who wanted to play games and join in tournaments.

The Con had something for everyone and had practically every sort of genre of sci-fi. If there was something Con-goers wanted to see that wasn’t there last weekend,

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they were encouraged to let a staff member know or contact the email provided on the ValleyCon website.

“It’s worth it. It doesn’t cost much, the tickets are about the price of seeing a 3D movie in the theater and think of all the things you could see here,” ValleyCon chairman Tony Tilton said.

There was never a moment in the program when something wasn’t going on. Some of the guests stuck around for the entire weekend and many con-goers say that this was the one place they loved mingling with other people, due to similar interests.

“It’s a great place to meet people and talk to people who are light minded, who enjoy movies, gaming and everyone

VALLEYCON, BACKPAGE

‘Argo’ good, not Oscar-worthy

BY CONOR HOLT
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When Ben Affleck made his directorial debut with the detective film “Gone Baby Gone,” I was blown away by the power and depth of the storytelling and characters. Despite a spotty acting career, Affleck had obviously been paying attention to what goes on behind the camera and proved he could out-direct most Hollywood professionals.

While his follow-up, “The Town,” was a fairly routine cops and robbers film, I was eagerly awaiting his latest film, “Argo,” a based-on-a-true-story caper about how the CIA rescued six hostages during the Iranian Hostage situation by disguising them as a Hollywood film crew for the fake science fiction film Argo.


The film is a model of Hollywood professionalism. The cinematography is crisp, the period details are solid, and the performances (especially John Goodman as real life makeup artist and CIA consultant John Chambers) are uniformly excellent. The film also balances the real life drama of the Iranian Hostage situation with some enjoyable humor about the absurdity of the film business.

However, despite this quality craftsmanship, I was never fully

caught up in the film. The story was solid, the acting was good, but I never got emotionally involved in the story. Maybe if I knew more about the main character, Tony Mendez (played well by Ben Affleck) the CIA agent in charge of the mission, or any of the hostages. Maybe the production was too professional and I never felt the gritty danger of real life. Whatever it was, I sat through this film with a calm, steady pulse.

Is this a solid, worthwhile film? Most certainly, but nothing about it stands out as Oscar-worthy (as some buzz has heralded). Check it out if you’re looking for an enjoyable, well-crafted thriller with some good laughs.





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Features

Professor displays works at Rourke Art Gallery

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The Rourke Art Gallery in Moorhead is displaying the work of art and design professor Shelly Short this month.

Short’s art exhibition is called “Reflections of Solitude,” which was an inspiration to her after embarking on wilderness backcountry trips over the course of a year.

Short traveled from the North Shores of Minnesota through North Dakota, Wyoming and Colorado.

“I’ve been interested in landscape art and backpacking to different places for about 10 years, and I’ve been an artist for about 25 years,” said Short, “But the two never crossed paths, so I decided to focus on backpacking to different places and doing landscape portraits.”

Short focuses more on simple, less intimate things in nature. She has managed to take things some people may never notice in nature and has turned them into masterpieces.

“I would say my inspiration is very meditative,” said Short. “An introspective experience of being in the backcountry.”

Short took photographs when traveling to different locations and later turned them all into drawings.

“It’s just easier that way,” Short said. “You never know with rain and other weather conditions, so it made it much easier to take the photographs and later turn them into drawings.”

The Rourke Art Gallery approached Short in May to hold her exhibition Reflections of Solitude. The Museum’s director chose 26 of Short’s drawings to display.

“You spend a year working on it and spend two months framing it and you have no idea what people’s reaction is going to be,” said Short. “But so far the reaction has been very positive.”

Shorts exhibition will be on display at The Rourke Art Gallery through Nov. 11. The gallery is open 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. or by appointment, Friday through Sunday.

The Rourke Art Gallery is located at 423 4 St. S. in Moorhead.



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Art and design professor Shelly Short assists a student with his artwork.



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Sustainability major developed

BY KALLIE HENSRUD
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MSUM has introduced sustainability as a new major this fall.

Sustainability is an interdisciplinary curriculum that explores physics, chemistry, biology, mathematics, political science, psychology and more.

The major has six emphasis options: business, construction management, energy sustainability, environmental policy, environmental science and operations management.

“Sustainability is development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs,” according to the “Bundtland Report” published in 1987.

This major has been in the making for some time, said professor Stephen Lindaas.

“Officially it is now in place,” said Lindaas. “It was in place last year but I would say this is our inaugural year.”

“Steve (Lindaas), people in the physics department and other departments across campus, some students and faculty all got together and said, ‘How can we do a sustainability program for Moorhead State?’” Dennis Jacobs, coordinator of MSUM’s sustainability program said.

When it came to deciding how to put the program into effect, Jacobs said three components were implemented.

“One is to start an academic sustainability program, which we have now up and running,” Jacobs said. “The second thing is be an example to campus and to make Moorhead State more sustainable.

“To do that, we basically try to coordinate classes and close down some buildings,” he said. “The first year we implemented that, we saved half a million dollars. The third thing is that we see Moorhead State as the center for sustainability for the region. Part of that is to have a college that exemplifies sustainability and reconvert an old house into a super insulated house.”

The house is located at 1010 9th Ave. S. in one of the metered parking lots. This demonstration home will be an example for regional homeowners and construction businesses looking to build homes that are more sustainable and more affordable in the long run.

“We want this to be a home where people can come and we can say ‘This is what you could do,’” Jacobs said. “We will keep it very well documented so if somebody does a fifty dollar retrofit or a couple thousand

dollars and change the roof, we will cover the whole range of things and how much money we can save on each of them.”

Though the new major is just getting on its feet, students are excited about the long term benefits of studying sustainability and the job opportunities that lie ahead.

“I really want to go into nonprofit organizations,” freshman Jordan Pinneke said. “One of the aspects would be something to combat climate change or something to teach about the environment in other countries.”

Junior Tom Brenner said he changed majors after taking a year off to work for the conversation core.

“I came back after a year with them and was pretty concerned about environmental issues, so I joined sustainability,” Brenner said. “There are a lot of job opportunities out there as we continue on the current track of making the transition to more effective and efficient energy reproduction and living situations. The whole idea of sustainability is creating a future for future generations. If we want a future that is going to be as comfortable and nice as this one, there will definitely be a lot of opportunities for kids like me.”

Features

Senior's struggles lead to success

BY KRISTA BOEHM
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As a senior in college the last few credits are being taken and the “real” adult world is around the corner. For Senior Andrew Jason that time has already come.

Double majoring in Spanish and mass communications, Jason is taking 15 credits and working about 45 hours a week.

“It’s definitely the biggest challenge for me right now,” Jason said.

The challenge comes from his not-so-ordinary student job and full time magazine editor.

Jason is the editor for Spotlight Media. As editor for the publishing company, he works on four magazines: “FM Spotlight,” “Stride,” “Design and Living” and “Bison Illustrated.”

Jason’s accomplishment began by picking up a magazine and emailing the owner, Mike Dragosavich.

“I really appreciate people who sacrifice and work hard for the greater benefit, which is really hard to find in a person and I saw that in him,” Dragosavich said.

“It was an internship,” Jason said. “I just thought I would be there for two months and then move on. I never had any plans to go into magazine but now I like it a lot.”

It was all about taking advantage of the life he was given. A little over two years ago Jason was simply coasting his way through college.

“I wasn’t really pursuing anything,” Jason said. “But then I realized life is too short.”

Jason was diagnosed with endocarditis, which lead to an infection of his aortic heart valve, in September 2010 when he was 21 years old. He went from nearly having a stroke to getting a life-threatening surgery to having a whole new outlook on life.

“I hope people can be inspired by it and know that no matter what happens, you can always get back to what you were before,” Jason said.

With his new outlook, Jason was able to make the climb quickly from intern to editor, but it was not something he expected.

The climb was possible with the help of MSUM. His major in mass communications and his position as Arts and Entertainment editor at The Advocate last year have both paved a path that has led him to where he is today.

“It helped boost my self-confidence,” Jason said. “All my professors were a big help in supporting me. They helped teach me everything that was necessary for my job.”

“He’s in it to learn, work hard and sacrifice,” Dragosavich said. “He sees the fact that if he does that, there will be opportunities for him in the future.”

Without the decision to take the first steps toward his internship, Jason would not have worked as hard and would not be able to call himself an editor.

“I truly hated doing an unpaid internship but everyone has to do it,” Jason said. “You have to start out small and everyone has to work their way up.”

As editor at Spotlight Media, Jason comes up with story ideas and works with designs for each magazine. His position allows

him to go from writing one story to taking photographs for another.

“I just like how it’s different,” Jason said. “You can be creative and make jokes and I like to do a lot of different things.”

The variety keeps his schedule busy. Jason begins the day with work at 8 a.m., where he stays for a few hours before he heads off to classes. After classes he goes back to work. He works like this for five days a week and the job keeps him on his toes.

“When you start somewhere you have to be able to roll with the punches, do what needs to be done and learn,” Jason said.

Although his journey is just beginning, Jason has already experienced some of the highest highs and lowest lows.

“It still all seems surreal,” Jason said.



MSUM senior Andrew Jason is the editor of four magazines published by Spotlight Media in Fargo.

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Opinion

Advocate Editorial Board

Get informed before voting

We’ve been writing about the campaigns and elections all semester, and now it’s time to vote. But before you go to the polls Nov. 6, we encourage you to get informed. Get informed about the candidates and get informed about the issues.

Regardless of party affiliation, it is important to know whom you are voting for and why. Look at candidates’ websites, pay attention to advertisements, view previous speeches and debates and talk to your family and friends. You don’t need to agree with everyone, but discussing the issues with people you trust and respect will help you figure out where you stand.

Many people often state they are not going to vote because they like neither candidate. But don’t make this decision in haste. Voting is your right. Be positive you want to stifle your own voice.

Lastly, educate yourself and know the voting rules for your precinct and state.

Your vote does matter; your voice will be heard. You help make this country great.

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Part one: Defending Forty Days for Life



BY JOHN GOERKE
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About two weeks ago I saw a woman get shoved by a three-hundred pound man, a ninety-year old woman get flipped off and another woman nicknamed ‘Micheal Jackson,’ while a group of women were told to “Go to hell.”

You may wonder what caused this aggression and rudeness toward these women, and you would be right to consider it wrong. The sin these women committed was simply being pro-life and standing in opposition to abortion in front of the Red River Women’s Clinic.

Needless to say, those who verbally and physically assaulted them are far more “tolerant” and “open-minded” than those who received the aggression. A sign on the clinic reads, “Jesus never shamed women.”

There is a certain difficulty in reconciling the sign with the actions. You would think the supporters of a women’s clinic would respect the dignity of all women, even those with whom they disagreed. But, I’ve missed a step. It has been a by-product of Sandra Fluke and other’s rhetoric that by being pro-life, a woman somehow loses her female identity and thus can be the object of aggression and derision. Womanhood, for them, includes not just biology but ideology. Not only is this idea wrong, it must be opposed.

In this three part essay, I will attempt to do some justice to these women who I have seen scorned and hope you may find their position compelling.

The women in question were all involved with Forty Days for Life, a prayerful observance outside of the RRWC. From the end of September to the beginning of November, observance is held at all hours of the day and

night in front of the clinic. This past Tuesday, I went there between classes and met Tracy.

Tracy is a mother of three living in South Fargo. I’ve heard mothers tell their children that they sacrificed their beauty for them; Tracy is evidence that this sacrifice is not inevitable. Someone else who briefly stopped by asked Tracy where she was studying. The question was not without merit. Tracy could easily pass for 20, yet she has a 14-, 11- and 7-year-old.

She told me about her work and her children, where she grew up and how she got to Fargo. I told her about moving from the cities and about where I was studying. While we were talking, the aforementioned 300-pound-man purposefully walked into and shoved Tracy out of his way. I guess he didn’t like what she was doing there, shaming women and all that. Instead of losing control, Tracy responded with humor. As the man angrily muttered, “Excuse me,” Tracy said, “Oh, no problem, my fault” and smiled. Being only 125 pounds, I was glad she was able

to take care of the weightlifter because I sure couldn’t.

What makes Tracy unique is that her youngest child is autistic. The American Civil Liberties

Union recently defended something called “Wrongful Birth” lawsuits, which involves parents suing doctors because they didn’t know (prior to birth) their child was autistic. When asked during pregnancy if she would like her children screened for mental health problems, Tracy realized how real the threat to life was for babies with autism. Tracy admitted that raising a child with a mental disability is full of challenges, but also rewards. Because of their sister, Tracy’s other children have learned patience and compassion. At school, they are noticeably open to their shy classmates. Tracy and her husband have grown closer through raising their daughter. The rewards came, Tracy noted, not in spite of the challenges, but through them. Her daughter is now in school and doing quite well.

(to be continued...)

Building character through life experience



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About two weeks ago, my boss at Kroll’s Diner in Fargo told me that shake-making builds character. I rolled my eyes, shot off a “yeah, whatever Rick” and continued to scoop ice cream into those dreaded silver tins.

Normally, I would just forget about whatever it was that Rick said and continue on, but this is one thing that has really stuck with me. What *does* build character in the human race? Does it

matter that I marched in a drumline for eight years where I learned discipline and respect? Or did helping my dad in the garage contribute to who I am today? My *character*.

This is a question that I’ve wondered about for much

longer than just these two weeks since my boss told me his thoughts on shake-making. Is building your character something that only happens from a physical labor? Or can this be defined by the things that we absorb through education or in our every day life?

I like to believe that I’ve shaped my character into what it is at this current point because of the experiences I’ve had in my mere 21 years of existence. I’ve traveled, loved, lost, absorbed and taught. I’ve gotten my hands dirty along the way but can still rock a dress if I *really* have to.

But it really all boils down to some really simple and unexpected things. My character has been building itself in the most obscure ways my whole life.

So maybe next Monday when I’m inevitably standing by that shake machine at Kroll’s underneath those pink neon lights, I’ll remember that I’m defining who I am by being there.

Letter to the Editor: Losing the eagle

Have you ever given a thought to how it is the unique features of a place that makes it memorable? Maybe it was a play at the Gaede Theatre or a show at the Planetarium when you were in elementary school that made MSUM a place to remember. It saddens me to see one of our other unique features boxed and crated, put into storage with the ultimate intent of removing it from campus. I speak of the eagle display from the library foyer. The amazing display, created by our own Bill Violet, was unique to our campus. A remarkable sight, a tribute to nature, an honor our national symbol; it made you pause to take in the detail, to catch the action of the mouse caught

in the talons. Quite unique and memorable, but we can not find room on our campus for such. It seems the inspiration to be drawn from nature shall be left to the lifeless, concrete caricatures of tree seeds soon to be decorating the mall. I may hope their uniqueness will be as memorable as the eagle display which is so easily dismissed. The deepest sadness may be to realize the final result. With one less amazing thing to see, how soon we are left to be the same as everywhere else, simply forgettable.

Gabrielle R. Smith
MSUM staff member



Sports & Health

Dragons drop weekend games before seniors' last stand

BY COLLIN BOYLES
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It was the last two-game weekend for the Dragons soccer seniors, but the visiting teams left those seniors with a past of better games.

The St. Cloud State University Huskies came onto a cold Nemzek soccer field on Saturday to take a 2-0 win as the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference playoffs near.

The Huskies wasted no time in gaining the lead from the Dragons as the first shot was converted for a goal, eight minutes into the match.

Near the 38 minute mark, SCSU was able to capitalize opportunity by scoring another goal. The ball deflected off multiple Dragon defenders before the Huskies finally put it in the net.

The Dragons made a halftime adjustment in the gameplan that held the Huskies scoreless for the second half. Even with the adjustment though, the team could not make any goal production, an area they have

struggled with the whole season. "We've got to be scoring early so we can have a chance in these games," said head coach Rollie Bulock. "We just haven't had that opportunity."

The opportunity to score presented itself on Sunday against the University of Minnesota Duluth Bulldogs, although the Dragons were only able to score once for a 3-1 loss.

Twelve minutes into the match senior midfielder Ashley Swanson was able to take the ball around a stumbling defender to get a clear shot on the goal. The ball rolled wide left, resulting in an empty scoring opportunity.

"We get opportunities in every game and we create opportunities in every game," Bulock said. "Basically from our hard work and the system that we play but we're just not executing."

The Bulldogs added one goal before halftime. Not long after halftime, MSUM was able to tie the match at one apiece when senior forward Ashley Gallegos made a

pass inside to the team's leading scorer, sophomore forward Erin Nyberg. Nyberg then passed it to freshman forward Sienna Rebollozo who took a shot that was saved, but was quickly rebounded and converted by senior midfielder Holly Gillund.

The goal looked to be momentum the team was searching for, but could not hold on to. The Bulldogs were able to tack on two more goals.

The next two games will be tolling and emotional ones for the Dragons, as they travel to Minot State University (N.D.) Friday before returning home to face the University of Mary on Sunday.

The Dragons hold a 4-11-1 overall record and are 3-9-1 in the NSIC. The 12th place record in the conference will not qualify the team for postseason play, ending the team's season, and some seniors' careers, on Sunday. The senior game is one of the toughest to play.

"That can always be a good game or a bad game," Bulock said. "There's a certain amount of lack of focus from the game itself because



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Amanda Wurdeman advances the ball upfield Saturday against St. Cloud State University.

it's senior day, which is part of the deal."

This being the last week of the season allows Bulock to savor one of his favorite elements of the game.

"As far as I'm concerned, what's most enjoyable is the practices," Bulock said, "working on things

and the interaction with the players."

The Dragons play at 7 p.m. Friday night in Minot. Gillund, Swanson, Gallegos, Sarah Tokar, Carly Lengstorf and Shenae Morical will play in their final game as a Dragon on Sunday at home against the Marauders at 1 p.m.

Athletics over the weekend

Dragons fall twice at home to tough NSIC opponents

MOORHEAD – Tammy Blake's women were unable to come away with a win this weekend, falling in five sets on Friday to Augustana College (S.D.) and losing in four to Wayne State College (Neb.) on Saturday.

Dragons senior Katy Ness compiled her 2,000th career dig Friday as the Vikings earned a 19-25, 25-19, 14-25, 25-16, 18-16 win. Senior Anna Olson and freshman Casie Baer totaled for 56 assists Saturday as the Wildcats won, 25-22, 24-26, 25-23, 25-17.



Marauders take 'Battle of the Paddle' from the Dragons

BISMARCK – An offensive struggle stopped any hopes for a MSUM win as they held the University of Mary (N.D.) to an away season-low of 23 points. The Dragons fell to the Marauders, 23-7, for a seventh straight time in the seven all-time matchups.

Freshman Jake Hodge threw for 202 yards on 19 passes, throwing for one touchdown and no interceptions. Fellow freshman Adam Jiskra caught five of those passes for 61 yards with the one touchdown scored on the night.

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UM-Gravley 2 yard run (Ryan kick)
UM-Jollette 5 yard pass from Bagnell (Ryan kick)
MSUM-Jiskra 3 yard pass from Hodge (Kramer kick)
UM-Gravley 17 yard run (Ryan kick)
UM-Safety

Swimming and Diving finishes third with help from Woods

ST. CLOUD – The MSUM swimming and diving team finished third, behind St. Cloud State University and Northern Michigan University, following events on Friday and Saturday.

Freshman Jackie Woods led the team as she improved her No. 6 nationally ranked time in the 100 meter breaststroke with a time of 1:07.66, finishing second in the event. Rachel Erickson finished third in the 100m freestyle with a time of 55.90.


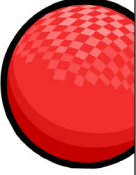
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AC: Hafemeyer 15-6-0	WSC: Malm 5-3-0
Johnson 0-2-0 (52 assists)	Hobbs 12-2-1
Wallerich 4-3-4 (18 digs)	McClintock 6-1-0 (51 assists)
Ysker 12-3-1 (20 digs)	Hughes 7-0-0 (23 digs)
Hrdlichka 12-1-0	Armes 20-6-0
Sanders 1-0-0 (24 digs)	Placke 11-2-0
Spatenka 17-1-0	
MSUM: Gruber 15-5-0	MSUM: Gruber 5-3-0
Egeland 9-8-0	Egeland 11-3-0
Lensing 12-3-0	Lensing 15-1-2
Olson 1-1-0 (31 assists)	Olson 1-0-0 (31 assists)
VanWinkle 7-9-0	VanWinkle 16-4-0
Ness 0-0-2 (26 digs)	Ness 0-0-2 (30 digs)
Palmquist 11-3-0	Palmquist 8-1-0
Baer 0-0-0 (17 assists)	Wolpern 5-3-0

Dragons runner earns All-NSIC honors in first try

ST. PAUL – Dragons runner Molly Montonye earned All-NSIC second team honors at the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference Championships, Saturday. The freshman paced the women's seventh place team by finishing 13th overall with a time of 23:17.8.

Junior Spencer Reubke helped the men's team to a sixth place finish while running 24th with a time of 26:30. Behind Reubke for the Dragons was freshman Cody Christ who finished 26th in 26:32.

Sports news from Dragon Athletics



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News

Speaker aims to help students find jobs

BY KAYLA VAN EPS
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The daunting task of finding a job after college is enough to keep many students hiding in their rooms, searching online job aggregators hoping to find the perfect job.

Donald Asher, author, lecturer and “America’s job search Guru” has made a career helping students discover how to find a job after college. He will be giving a talk titled “How to get a job with any degree” at 5 p.m. Oct. 31 in the CMU Ballroom.

Asher said that when he graduated from college he couldn’t find a job.

“I wanted to be a novelist, but I soon found out that novelists need to eat and pay rent too,” Asher said. “I had written so many resumes that had failed that I actually learned to write resumes rather well.”

After writing over 100 different resumes during his job search, Asher found a job with a company that helped people find jobs.

“It’s kind of ironic, but that’s



Donald Asher

how it worked out,” Asher said. “If any one of those other resumes had worked I would have a different career and a different life right now.”

While Asher said that social media is a great tool for starting a job search, he advises people to get past the social media side of job searching and get out and meet people. Sitting down with potential employers, making eye contact and shaking their hand is one of the best ways to get an “in” with an employer.

“Fifty-five to 85 percent of jobs go to someone who did

not reply to a posted opening,” Asher said. “These are jobs that were never advertised or that were advertised but go to insiders.”

Asher estimates that people change jobs between nine and 20 times in their lifetime, giving a person “nine chances to fail or nine chances to succeed” in finding job. Gaining life skills such as finding the job of an insider without being an insider is an essential skill.

“If you figure this out, every time you are faced with changing jobs you are at an advantage,” Asher said. “(Finding a job) is a life skill that you have to have to succeed.”

Asher has published 12 books on finding cool colleges, writing resumes and grad school admission essays and finding jobs. He has written many articles on these subjects and travels the country lecturing.

More information on Asher’s career and accomplishments can be found at www.donaldasher.com.

BRAS, FROM FRONT

Tickets for Bras on Broadway are \$80 and the event has been sold out every year since it began.

“We always say we live in a wonderful community,” Ottusen said. “It’s all community driven and locally given.”

This year they will have an art auction, live performances by local bands and music by Radio Fargo-Moorhead MCs.

Models will also be doing a runway show wearing decorated bras at 7:30 p.m.

The HoDo works with the American Cancer Society every year for this event to determine which patients could use part of the donations.

This year the majority of the money from purchased tickets and the silent auction will go towards gas cards for breast

cancer patients who have to travel for their appointments.

Other donations can also be given throughout the event, even by people who were unable to get a ticket.

Anyone can donate \$10 by texting “HEARTSDAY” to 20222 or by going to www.brasonbroadway.com

The HoDo is also selling Bras on Broadway pins for \$5.

VALLEYCON, FROM PAGE 3

is really friendly and open,” ValleyCon staff member Krista Arendes said.

This year there were more students that got more involved with the Con. The MSUM anime club and comic book club were proud

interests in the sci-fi world to communicate, work together and help each other.

“It started off as a basic comic book get-together and evolved into what you see today, with the Con-suites, guest speakers and bigger

“I basically got a whole history lesson while I dungeon-crawled and hacked and slashed all these mythical creatures.” - Rob Sanford

supporters of the Con and helped with the events, while some college students just wanted to partake in the events and enjoy the festivities.

“There are a lot more college students and high school students this year, which is really nice because you can relate to more people, and it’s nice making new friends and it’s more age appropriate,” said NDSU history major Faith Lucia.

The Con is an event meant to provide people with cheap entertainment and a guide to get people together who have common

events to get people together to have a good time,” Arendes said.

With 16 guest speakers and event sessions each hour, including the film festival, group discussions and video and board games, con-goers were having a good time and weren’t wasting their money.

“I would love to see the Con grow. I’m always surprised by the guests we get bring in,” Arendes said. “Next year we’re bringing some great guest speakers. People are definitely going to want to come to next year’s Con.”



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Booths at ValleyCon were set up for a variety of vendors: some sold art, comics or costume accessories; some were local businesses; and even some college promoters attended.

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